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INSIDER:

The Wallis Ambassadors Newsletter

Dear Wallis Ambassadors,

As we look ahead, we are excited for the 2019/2020 Season at The Wallis, which promises an incredible lineup of music, theater, dance and cinema. The Wallis Ambassadors group is expanding and we are deeply grateful for your support and participation. This past season we welcomed many new Wallis Ambassadors and continue to make a significant impact for The Wallis, Beverly Hills, and the greater Los Angeles arts community.

We are also pleased to announce that The Wallis Ambassadors Second Annual Dinner will take place at Herb Alpert's Vibrato Jazz and Grill on September 16, 2019. Don't miss this exclusive event and the opportunity to attend an intimate gathering with a surprise guest of honor!

Our Ambassadors purpose as community leaders and arts supporters is to act as institutional advocates for the Wallis Annenberg Center for the Performing Arts. This group not only promotes The Wallis throughout Beverly Hills and the greater Los Angeles area, but also serves as key influencers who strengthen our mission and programs. Thanks to YOU, the important work created and presented on The Wallis stages and in our education department touch even more people than ever before.

We look forward to seeing you at The Wallis!

Eunice David **CO-CHAIR**

Les Bider **CO-CHAIR**

TO RECAP

SAVE THE DATE
September 16, 2019!
Join us for The Wallis Ambassadors Second Annual Dinner!

COFFEE WITH THE CREW

Coffee with the Crew!

In February, Ambassadors had the unique opportunity to meet two members of The Wallis production team, Director of Production Jim D'Asaro and Technical Director Matthew Waldron, who work tirelessly behind the curtain to bring the artistic vision to life. In a lovely reception in the David Bohnett Foundation Founders Room, The Wallis Ambassadors heard Jim and Matt explain all that goes into a Wallis production. Then, we got an exclusive insiders behind-the-scenes tour of the spectacular, historic set of *An Inspector Calls*!

Spring Celebration

In May, The Wallis honored Tony, Oscar, and Grammy Award-winning composer and lyricist Stephen Schwartz (*Wicked, Godspell, Pippin*). The evening began with a stupendous dinner in the Grand Hall and Promenade Terrace, followed by a special performance in the Bram Goldsmith Theater. The performance featured Idina Menzel, Megan Hilty, Andrea Martin, Liz Callaway, Angel Blue, Isaiah Johnson, Jordan Fisher, and the Los Angeles Children's Chorus. All the proceeds from the event benefited the artistic, educational, and outreach programs of The Wallis.

Malpaso Education Event

On March 30, 2019, The Wallis Ambassadors had the unique opportunity to watch a dance rehearsal for Cuba's hottest contemporary dance company — Malpaso. The performance featured works by Artistic Director Osnel Delgado, as well as international choreographers Merce Cunningham, Beatriz Garcia, and Ohad Naharin.

The Wallis Ambassadors Annual Meeting

The Wallis Ambassadors Annual Meeting on Thursday, June 20, 2019 was a great success! The meeting was held in the beautiful Bram Goldsmith Theater. Co-Chair Eunice David recounted recent Wallis Ambassadors events and introduced new Ambassadors, supported by a presentation projected on our shining cinema screen. Co-Chair Les Bider provided updates on The Wallis Ambassadors' achievements this season. Next, Wallis leaders Rachel Fine and Paul Crewes delivered exciting institutional and artistic updates. The meeting also featured Tina Finkelman Berkett, the Co-Artistic Director of BODYTRAFFIC, The Wallis Company-In-Residence for next Season. Finally, the performance by Art Garfunkel at The Wallis next Season was announced for the first time publicly.

(FROM LEFT TO RIGHT): Daileidys Carrazana, Mark Slavkin, Stephanie Vahn, Osnel Delgado, and Fernando Sáez at The Wallis Ambassadors master class with Malpaso dance company.

(FROM TOP TO BOTTOM, FROM LEFT TO RIGHT): 1. The Wallis Ambassadors with James D'Asaro and Matthew Waldron at Coffee with the Crew 2. The Wallis Ambassadors on the historic set of *An Inspector Calls* 3. Daphna Nazarian, Ron Rosen, Eunice David, Stephanie Vann, and Judi Lawenda at Coffee with the Crew. 4. Another view of the set of *An Inspector Calls* 5. Arline Pepp and Rachel Fine at The Wallis Ambassadors Annual Meeting 6. Mimi Alpert Feldman and Eunice David at The Wallis Ambassadors Annual Meeting 7. Paul Crewes and Tina Finkelman Berkett chatting at The Wallis Ambassadors Annual Meeting

(FROM TOP TO BOTTOM, FROM LEFT TO RIGHT): 1. Stephen Schwarts performing at the Spring Celebration 2. Broadway stars Idina Menzel and Megan Hilty with Stephen Schwartz 4. Stephen Schwartz performing with John Rubinsteins, Isaiah Johnson, Idina Menzel, Liz Callaway, Megan Hilty, Angel Blue, and Jordan Fisher 5. Wallis Ambassadors Robert and Sonia Freedman 6. Songwriters Benj Pasek and Justin Paul, best known for *La La Land, Dear Evan Hanson*, and *The Greatest Showman* 7. Philanthropist Wallis Annenberg. Photos by Getty Images.

IN ACTION

(FROM LEFT TO RIGHT): Heather Shuemaker, Rachel Fine, Dick Ronsenzweig, Dr. Sharona R. Nazarian, Vicki Reynolds, Mark Slavkin, and Jim Jahant

Our most heartfelt THANK YOU to Wallis Ambassador **Dick Rosenzweig**, whose efforts resulted in a grant to The Wallis from The Rotary Club of Beverly Hills!

Wallis Ambassador **Gail Peterson** with Valerie Jarrett, Senior Advisor to President Barack Obama at the ALOUD Series post reception in The Wallis Promenade Terrace.

The Wallis and the Library Foundation presented The ALOUD Series on April 14, 2019 in the Bram Goldsmith Theater. Valeria Jarrett shared her story as a daughter, mother, lawyer, business leader, public servant in a conversation with Angela Rye, CNN Political Commentator.

Thank you to all The Wallis Ambassadors who have attended events throughout the year!

DID YOU **KNOW**

The SoCal Theatre Schedule: Wallis Ambassador **Marc Zachary** maintains an updated list of major theatre performances in Southern California to easily find upcoming shows. Be sure to check it out!

TheatreInSoCal.com

PRESSING FORWARD

We hope you're just as excited for the 2019/2020 Season as we are!

From exclusive Ambassador events to other exciting donor benefits, we've got so much in store for you.

UPCOMING EVENTS

SAVE THE DATE

The Wallis Ambassadors Annual Dinner

September 16, 2019

UPCOMING PERFORMANCES

EVERY show this Season is a must-see. Don't wait!
SUBSCRIBE NOW to guarantee your seats!

THEATER

Sisters in Law **SEPT 18-OCT 13**

MUSIC

~~Herb Alpert & Lani Hall **SEPT 21**~~ **- SOLD OUT**

Joshua Roman, cello & Conor Hanick, piano **OCT 5**

Brooklyn Rider & Magos Herrera *Dreamers* **OCT 10**

David Orlowsky & Quartetto di Cremona **OCT 12**

DANCE

2019/2020 COMPANY-IN-RESIDENCE

BODYTRAFFIC **SEPT 26-28**

FREE / FAMILY FRIENDLY

Story Pirates /
Dance Sundays with Debbie Allen & Friends **OCT 13**

WELCOME TO OUR **NEW** AMBASSADORS!

Camille Adar

Jill Erman

Robert Freedman

Sonia Freedman

Anita Dann Friedman

Rick Kurtzman

Susan Kurtzman

Deborah Laub

Eric Lax

Joanne Mogy

Sandra Karole Peters

Gail Peterson

Karen Sulzberger

Sue Tsao

And we can't stop now!
Please help The Wallis recruit more Wallis Ambassadors! If you would like to recommend friends to join, send name(s) and contact information to

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